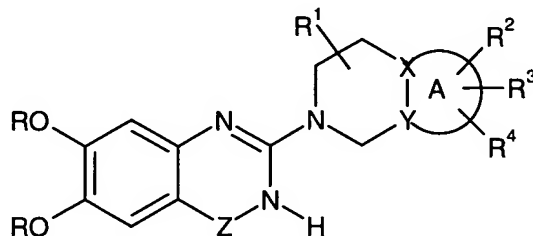


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Below is a complete listing of pending claims:

1 (Amended). A compound comprising Formula I:



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wherein:

X is carbon or nitrogen;

Y is carbon;

and X-Y considered together are two adjoining atoms of the ring A, said ring being a fused aromatic ring of five to six atoms per ring optionally incorporating one to two heteroatoms per ring, chosen from N, O, or S; wherein, when X is nitrogen, the bond between atoms X and Y is a single bond, and when X is carbon, the bond between atoms X and Y is double bond;

Z is -C(O)-~~or~~-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-;

each R is independently selected from lower alkyl;

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from:

hydrogen; lower alkyl;

aryl; arylalkyl; arylaminocarbonyl; wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one to two substituents selected from lower alkyl, halo, cyano and ~~or~~ lower alkoxy; and

heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one or two substitutents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, cyano, and ~~or~~ lower alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> are each independently in each occurrence selected from:

hydrogen; lower alkyl;

Q5 cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl, wherein the cycloalkyl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~or more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, and phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, cyano and lower alkoxy;

aryl or arylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~or more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, and arylcarbonylamino, or two adjacent atoms of the aryl ring can be substituted with a methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy group to form a fused heterocyclyl ring;

heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl, wherein the heterocyclyl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~or more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, oxo, cyano, cyanoalkyl, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, halogen-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, and

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arylcarbonylamino, and phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, cyano and lower alkoxy;

heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~or more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, and arylcarbonylamino;

hydroxy; hydroxyalkyl; alkoxy; alkoxyalkyl;

halo; haloalkyl; cyano; cyanoalkyl; and

$-(CH_2)_{0-3}NR'R''$ ;  $-C(\equiv NH)-NR'R''$ ;  $-N-C(\equiv NR')-R''$ ;  $-N=CR'-NR'R''$ ; -

$SO_2NR'R''$ ;  $-NSO_2R'$ ;  $-C(O)R'$ ;  $-C(O)NR'R''$ ; ~~or~~  $-NC(O)R'$ ; or  $-N=R'''$ ;

with the proviso that if A is a benzene ring, at least one of  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  or  $R^4$  is not hydrogen; or

$R^2$  and  $R^3$ , if adjacent, taken together with the carbons to which they are attached may ~~also~~ form a 5- to 7- membered aromatic, saturated or unsaturated ring, optionally incorporating one or two ring heteroatoms chosen from N, S, or O, which can be optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from lower alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, cyano, alkylthio, and ~~or~~ lower alkoxy; and

$R'$  and  $R''$  are independently in each occurrence selected from:

hydrogen; lower alkyl; substituted lower alkyl;

hydroxyalkyl; alkoxyalkyl;

cycloalkyl, wherein the cycloalkyl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~or more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro,

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alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, and phenyl;

aryl or arylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~or more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, and arylcarbonylamino, or two adjacent atoms of the aryl ring can be substituted with a methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy group to form a fused heterocyclic ring;

heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~or more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, and arylcarbonylamino;

heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl, wherein the heterocyclyl group is optionally substituted with one, ~~to more~~ two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, oxo, cyano, cyanoalkyl, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen-lower alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkylaminosulfonyl, arylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino,

alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, and  
arylcarbonylamino;

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or R' and R" together with the nitrogen to which they are attached ~~to~~ may also  
form a 5- to 7- membered ring, optionally incorporating one additional ring  
heteroatom chosen from N, O or S; wherein this ring is optionally  
substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting  
of lower alkyl, halogen, cyano, ~~or~~ lower alkoxy and phenyl optionally  
substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting  
of lower alkyl, halogen, cyano and lower alkoxy;

R''' is selected from heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one or two  
substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, oxo, cyano,  
cyanoalkyl, lower alkyl, and lower alkoxy;

or individual isomers, racemic or non-racemic mixtures of isomers or  
pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

2. (original) The compound of Claim 1, wherein X is carbon.
3. (original) The compound of Claim 1, wherein X is nitrogen.
4. (original) The compound of Claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen.
5. (original) The compound of Claim 4, wherein X is carbon and A is a fused aryl  
ring.
6. (original) The compound of Claim 5, wherein A is a fused benzene ring.
7. (original) The compound of Claim 4, wherein X is carbon and A is a fused  
heteroaryl ring.
8. (original) The compound of Claim 7, wherein A is a fused pyrimidine ring.

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9. (original) The compound of Claim 7, wherein A is a fused pyrrole ring.
10. (amended) The compound of Claim 9, wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> taken together with the carbons to which they are attached form a fused benzene ring, optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from lower alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, cyano, ~~lower alkyl~~, alkylthio, or lower alkoxy.
11. (original) The compound of Claim 7, wherein A is a fused pyridine ring.
12. (original) The compound of Claim 7, wherein A is a fused imidazole ring.
13. (original) The compound of Claim 4, wherein X is nitrogen and A is a fused imidazole ring.
14. (amended) The compound of Claim 4, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>NR'R" or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR'R", and wherein R' and R" are independently in each occurrence selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, and heteroarylalkyl, or R' and R" together with the nitrogen to which they are attached may ~~also~~ form a 5- to 7- membered ring, optionally incorporating one additional ring heteroatom chosen from N, O, or S.
15. (amended) The compound of Claim 6, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>NR'R" or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR'R", and wherein R' and R" are independently in each occurrence selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, and heteroarylalkyl, or R' and R" together with the nitrogen to which they are attached may ~~also~~ form a 5- to 7- membered ring, optionally incorporating one additional ring heteroatom chosen from N, O, or S.
16. (original) The compound of Claim 15, wherein Z is -C(O)-.

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17. (Canceled).

18. (amended) The compound of Claim 6, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the groups -C(NH)-NR'R", -N-C(NR')-R", and -N=CR'-NR'R", and wherein R' and R" are independently in each occurrence selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, and heteroarylalkyl, or R' and R" together with the nitrogen to which they are attached may ~~also~~ form a 5- to 7- membered ring, optionally incorporating one additional ring heteroatom chosen from N, O, or S.

19. (amended) The compound of Claim 18, wherein Z is -C(O)-.

20. (amended) A compound of Claim 6, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl or heteroaryl.

21. (amended) A compound of Claim 6, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is alkoxy, cyano, or cyanoalkyl.

22. (amended) The compound of Claim 8, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>NR'R" or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR'R", and wherein R' and R" are independently in each occurrence selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, and heteroarylalkyl, or R' and R" together with the nitrogen to which they are attached may ~~also~~ form a 5- to 7- membered ring, optionally incorporating one additional ring heteroatom chosen from N, O, or S.

23. (amended) The compound of Claim 22, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -NR'R", and wherein R' and R" are selected from hydrogen or alkyl, or R' and R" taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached may ~~also~~ form a 5- to 7- membered ring, optionally incorporating one additional ring heteroatom chosen from N, O, or S.

24. (original) The compound of Claim 22, wherein Z is -C(O)-.

25. (canceled).

Q<sup>5</sup> 26 (amended) The compound of Claim 13, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>NR'R" or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR'R", and wherein R' and R" are independently in each occurrence selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, and heteroarylalkyl, or R' and R" together with the nitrogen to which they are attached ~~to~~ may ~~also~~ form a 5- to 7- membered ring, optionally incorporating one additional ring heteroatom chosen from N, O or S.

27. The compound of Claim 26, wherein Z is -C(O)-.

28 (Canceled).

29. (Amended) The compound of Claim 1, wherein the compound is:  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[5-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl]-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[7-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl]-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(4-morpholin-4-yl-5,8-dihydro-6*H*-pyrido[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-7-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-pyridin-3-yl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
2-(4-benzylamino-5,8-dihydro-6*H*-pyrido[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-7-yl)-6,7-dimethoxy-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-pyrrolidin-1-yl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-pyridin-4-yl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-pyrimidin-5-yl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

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2-(6,7-dimethoxy-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-quinazolin-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline-7-sulfonic acid (2-pyridin-2-yl-ethyl)-amide;  
2-(6,7-dimethoxy-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-2-yl)-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline-5-carbonitrile;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[5-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl]-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
2-[5-(1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl]-6,7-dimethoxy-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-5,8-dihydro-6*H*-pyrido[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-7-yl]-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-{4-[(2-methoxy-ethyl)-methyl-amino]-5,8-dihydro-6*H*-pyrido[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-7-yl}-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[5-(morpholine-4-sulfonyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl]-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(4-piperidin-1-yl-5,8-dihydro-6*H*-pyrido[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-7-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[5-(1-morpholin-4-yl-methanoyl)-3,4-dihydro-3*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl]-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(1-phenyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-5-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
2-[1-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-5-yl]-6,7-dimethoxy-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(1-naphthalen-2-yl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-5-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-5-yl]-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
2-[1-(3-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-5-yl]-6,7-dimethoxy-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-(1-*m*-tolyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-5-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

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6,7-dimethoxy-2-(3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-8*H*-imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyrazin-7-yl)-1*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

2-(3-cyclohexyl-5,6-dihydro-8*H*-imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyrazin-7-yl)-6,7-dimethoxy-1*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

6,7-dimethoxy-2-(1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-β-carbolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

6,7-dimethoxy-2-(6-methoxy-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-β-carbolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

6,7-dimethoxy-2-(7-methylsulfanyl-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-β-carbolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

2-(3,4-dihydro-1*H*-2,7,10-triaza-anthracen-2-yl)-6,7-dimethoxy-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

~~3-(6,7-dimethoxy-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-6,7-dimethoxy-2*H*-benzo[1,2,4]thiadiazine-1,1-dioxide;~~

~~2-(cyclohexylamino-5,6-dihydro-8*H*-imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyrazin-7-yl)-6,7-dimethoxy-2*H*-benzo[1,2,4]thiadiazine-1,1-dioxide;~~

~~6,7-dimethoxy-3-(4-morpholin-4-yl-5,8-dihydro-6*H*-pyrido[3,4-*d*]pyrimidin-7-yl)-2*H*-benzo[1,2,4]thiadiazine-1,1-dioxide;~~

*N*-[2-(6,7-dimethoxy-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinolin-5-yl]-cyclopentanecarboxamidine;

6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

6,7-dimethoxy-2-(5-piperidin-1-ylmethyl-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

2-[5-(4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-2-ylamino)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-isoquinolin-2-yl]-6,7-dimethoxy-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one;

*N*-[2-(6,7-dimethoxy-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinolin-5-yl]-cyclobutanecarboxamidine;

*N*-[2-(6,7-dimethoxy-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinolin-5-yl]-butyramidine;

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N-[2-(6,7-dimethoxy-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-quinazolin-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-  
isoquinolin-5-yl]-N,N-dimethyl-formamidine;  
6,7-dimethoxy-2-[5-(1-methyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrol-2-ylamino)-3,4-dihydro-1H-  
isoquinolin-2-yl]-3H-quinazolin-4-one; or  
2-[5-(4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrrol-2-ylamino)-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl]-6,7-  
dimethoxy-3H-quinazolin-4-one; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

30 (original). A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of Claim 1 in admixture with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31 (Canceled)

32. (Amended) A method of treating a subject having a disease state that is alleviated by treatment with an alpha-1A/B adrenoceptor antagonist, which method comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of at least one ~~or more~~ compounds ~~of any~~ of Claim 1.

33 (Canceled)

34 (Amended) The method of Claim ~~33~~ 32 wherein the disease state comprises disorders and symptoms of the urinary tract.

35 (Amended) The method of Claim ~~33~~ 32 wherein the disease state comprises improvement of sexual dysfunction.

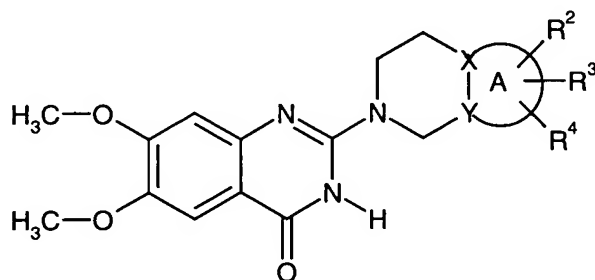
36 (Amended) The method of Claim ~~33~~ 32 wherein the disease state comprises benign prostatic hypertrophy and the irritative symptoms associated with ~~it~~ benign prostatic hypertrophy.

37 (Amended) The method of Claim ~~33~~ 32 wherein the disease state comprises pain.

38 (original) The method of Claim 37 wherein the disease state comprises inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain, cancer pain, acute pain, chronic pain, or complex regional pain syndromes.

39 (Canceled)

40 (New). A compound having the formula,



wherein:

X is carbon or nitrogen;

Y is carbon; and X-Y considered together are two adjoining atoms of the ring A, said ring being selected from a fused benzo, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, or pyrimidinyl ring; wherein when X is nitrogen, the bond between atoms X and Y is a single bond, and when X is carbon, the bond between atoms X and Y is double bond; and

R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> are each independently in each occurrence selected from:

hydrogen; lower alkyl;

hydroxy; hydroxyalkyl; alkoxy; alkoxyalkyl;

halo; haloalkyl; cyano; cyanoalkyl;

cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, or cycloheptyl;

phenyl, phenyl(lower alkyl), pyridyl, pyridyl(lower alkyl) pyrimidinyl,

pyrimidinyl(lower alkyl), pyrazinyl, pyrazinyl (lower alkyl), pyrrolyl,

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pyrrolyl(lower alkyl), imidazolyl, imidazolyl(lower alkyl), and naphthyl, wherein each of said aryl and heteroaryl rings in turn is optionally substituted with one to two halogen, lower alkoxy, lower alkyl, trifluoromethyl, methylthiol, and/or amino;

morpholinyl, morpholinyl(lower alkyl), piperidiny, piperidiny(lower alkyl), piperazinyl, piperazinyl(lower alkyl) pyrrolidiny, pyrrolidiny(lower alkyl), imidazolidiny, imidazolidiny(lower alkyl), tetrahydrofuryl, tetrahydrofuryl(lower alkyl), and 1-H-pyrimidine-2,4-dione, wherein each of said heterocyclic rings in turn is optionally substituted with one to two of hydroxy, oxo, lower alkoxy, hydroxy(lower alkyl), and/or phenyl, said phenyl in turn optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halogen, cyano and lower alkoxy;

$-(CH_2)_{0-3}NR'R''$ ;  $-SO_2NR'R''$ ;  $-C(O)R'$ ;  $-C(=NH)-NR'R''$ ;  $-N-C(=NH)-R''$ ;  $-N=CR'-NR'R''$ ; and  $-N=R'''$ ;

or  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  taken together form a fused pyridyl ring, or a methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy group to form a fused heterocyclic ring;

with the proviso that if A is a benzene ring, at least one of  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  or  $R^4$  is not hydrogen;

R and R' are individually selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, phenyl, phenyl(lower alkyl), pyridyl, pyridyl(lower alkyl), pyrrolidiny, furyl, imidazolidiny, piperidiny, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, morpholinyl, and 5,6-dihydro-2H-thiazin-3-yl; wherein each of said rings in turn is optionally substituted with lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cyano(lower alkyl),

or alternatively, R' and R'' together with the nitrogen to which they are attached may form a piperidiny or morpholinyl ring optionally substituted with one to two substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cyano, and cyano(lower alkyl); and

R''' is selected from pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl in turn optionally substituted with up to one of lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cyano, or cyano(lower alkyl).

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*Rule 1.126* 41-42 (New). A compound according to claim 41<sup>0</sup>, in which X is carbon and A is a fused aryl, pyridyl, or pyrimidinyl ring.

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